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# The Chinese Lantern

As a decorative plant this novelty has created a great sensation in all the larger cities of the United States for the past two years. It is a most wonderful plant—grows  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to 2 feet high with upright branching stems, abundant large foliage, and in the axil of each leaf an inconspicuous dull white flower with a green center.

These flowers are followed by fairy-like balloons, or enormously inflated calyces of glowing, translucent orange-vermilion that light up the otherwise drab fall garden.

As an indoor decorative plant it has taken the country by storm. For restaurants, dining rooms, big halls, homes, Christmas trees, and in hundreds of other ways the brilliant color lends itself wonderfully for artistic decorations with autumn foliage as well as with fresh evergreens, statice, or the silvery pods of Honesty. In a brilliantly lighted room the translucent qualities of the "balloons" make them appear as diminutive Chinese lanterns.

At the New York Spring Show of 1923, a vase containing Chinese Lanterns and two or three other flowers and berries was a much-admired decoration—so brilliant, yet so dainty, that it received a prize.

There are two Chinese Lantern plants; *we grow the one with the 2- to 3-inch lanterns or balloons.* The smaller one will not be nearly so satisfactory. The plants are easily cared for; set the roots 4 inches deep in rich well-drained soil and they will make strong plants well filled with the large glowing balloons.

For winter use, cut the whole plant off near the ground and hang up in a cool place to dry. The bright, glowing colors will remain in good condition for nearly a year. It is indispensable. You need it.



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THE price for strong roots of the Chinese  
Lantern Plant: Six for \$1.50, twelve  
for \$2.50, one hundred for \$16.





### *Chinese Lantern Plant*

**A** GLORIOUSLY colored decorative plant of wonderful adaptability. The glowing, translucent, orange-vermilion "balloons" produce pleasing novel effects that cannot be obtained by other methods. Although it was introduced to horticulture many years ago, and has been one of the most advertised novelties, yet it is only in the last few years that its great usefulness has been realized.

Grow it for fall effects in the garden, for winter bouquets in the house, and for Christmas and other decorations. The balloons will hold their brilliant colors all winter.







## CHARM

A LARGE beautiful Marean Decorative Dahlia. The color is a very pleasing orange-red, shading to orange-yellow when full grown. The blooms are borne on unusually long, strong, wiry stems, and decidedly striking dark green foliage. It is one of the best garden Dahlias of its class. As a cut-flower it has become exceedingly popular because of its size and wonderful stems.

\$2.50 each, \$25 per dozen



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